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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001 Carson City, Nevada 89701 -5249 October 3, 2005

Notice Of Final Decision Reclamation Permit No. 0243

Barrick Gold Exploration Inc. Storm Underground Mine

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has decided to issue Reclamation Permit, No. 0243, for a Mining Project to Barrick Gold Exploration Inc. . This permit authorizes Barrick Gold Exploration Inc. to reclaim the Storm Underground Mine. This Project is located in Elko County, Nevada and all disturbances occur within currently disturbed mine site areas. (ie: there will be no new disturbances). The Division has been provided with an application, in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 519A to assure the Division that Barrick Gold Exploration Inc. will leave the project site safe, stable, and capable of providing for a productive post-mining land use.

This permit will become final October 14th, 2005 The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to NAC 519A.415. The appeal must be filed by October 13th, 2005 and in accordance with Administrative rules of the Environmental Commission.

NAC 519A.415 Appeals to commission.

- 1. Any person aggrieved by:
- (a) The issuance, denial, renewal, suspension, modification, condition or revocation of a permit; or
 - (b) The issuance, modification or rescission of any other order,
- by the state department of conservation and natural resources may appeal to the commission.
 - 2. Any person who requests a hearing before the commission concerning a final decision of the department pursuant to <u>chapter 519A of NRS</u> may do so by filing a request, within 10 days after notice of the action of the department, on form 3* with the State Environmental Commission, 901 S. Stewart St. Ste. 4001, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

- 3. The provisions of $\underline{NAC\ 445B.875}$ to $\underline{445B.899}$, inclusive, apply to a hearing of the state environmental commission requested pursuant to subsection 1.
- 4. The commission will affirm, modify or reverse any action of the department, which is appealed to it.
- *(See adopting agency for form.)